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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

DSC adopts Delta Plan, certifies PEIR, regulations; files NOD After eight drafts, almost 100 public meetings, and nearly 10,000 individual comments, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) adopted a comprehensive manage-



ment plan for the Delta (the Delta Plan) on May 16. The DSC also certified the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and adopted regulations that will implement the policies of the Delta Plan. More information is in this news release. The DSC also filed a notice of determination (NOD) about these actions, pursuant to Public Resources Code 21108, with the State Clearinghouse on May 17. A copy of that NOD, filed-stamped by the State Clearinghouse, is available for review here.

DC and DPC will conduct a discussion on branding the Delta

The Delta Conservancy (DC) and the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) will conduct a panel discussion to explore the nuts and bolts of branding the Delta on May 29 in Isleton. The panel features individuals who have successfully branded their Northern California communities. The discussion is titled "Delta Branding — Why and How Do We Do It?" More details are in this flier.

WEF publishes layperson's guide to IRWM

The Water Education Foundation (WEF) has just published the Layperson's Guide to Integrated Regional Water Management. This comprehensive guide is an excellent source of information about integrated regional water management (IRWM), explaining the purposes and reasons of IRWM plans, how plans are funded, successes and challenges of IRWM, and the future outlook. Information on obtaining the guide is herealth/person is a purpose.

Conservancy has new online resource for floodplain management

The Nature Conservancy has released a new online resource called <u>Floodplains by Design</u> to help the public understand how rivers interact with their floodplains. Recent record-breaking flooding along the Illinois River and continued flooding along the Upper Mississippi make these resources particularly germane.



Public comment period for proposed DWR project is closing DWR has proposed funding a project titled "Grasslands Mitigation Preserve: Advance Mitigation for Giant Garter Snake as a direct expenditure under the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and Conservation Framework and Strategy Guidelines." DWR requested public review and comments for this proposed project during a 15-day comment period, which ends on May 29. More information and details on how to submit comments are here.

Governor's exec. order streamlines water transfers With near record-low precipitation this year, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an executive order to streamline approvals for voluntary water transfers to assist California's agricultural industry. The executive order directs the State Water Resources Control Board and DWR to expedite the review and processing of voluntary transfers of water and water rights consistent with current law to alleviate critical impacts on San Joaquin Valley agriculture. More details are in this news release.



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